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Donald S. Welsh, Regional Administrator  
U.S. EPA, Region III (3RA00)  
1650 Arch Street  
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RE: Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the  
Huntington, West Virginia 8-hour Ozone  
Nonattainment Area

Dear Administrator Welsh:

On behalf of the State of West Virginia and in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA) section 107(D), I herein request that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) redesignate the West Virginia portion of the Huntington (WV) - Ashland (KY) 8-hour ozone nonattainment area, comprising Cabell and Wayne Counties, to attainment relative to the 8-hour ground level ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). I am also requesting that EPA concurrently approve the associated maintenance plan as a revision to the West Virginia State Implementation Plan (SIP), pursuant to the requirements of CAA section 175(A). Finally, I am requesting that EPA approve said maintenance plan as meeting the requirements of CAA section 175(A)(b) with respect to the 1-hour ozone maintenance plan update.

The enclosed documentation includes the *Redesignation Request for the Huntington, West Virginia 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area, Comprising Cabell and Wayne Counties*; the *Maintenance Plan for the Huntington, West Virginia 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area, Comprising Cabell and Wayne Counties*; and associated appendices. The package includes documentation that proper administrative procedural requirements have been followed. We certify that the public hearing required by 40 CFR § 51.102(a) was held in accordance with the applicable state law and the requirements of 40 CFR § 51.102(d).

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If you have any questions regarding this submittal or require additional information, please contact John A. Benedict, Director of the Division of Air Quality at (304) 926-0462.

Sincerely,



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